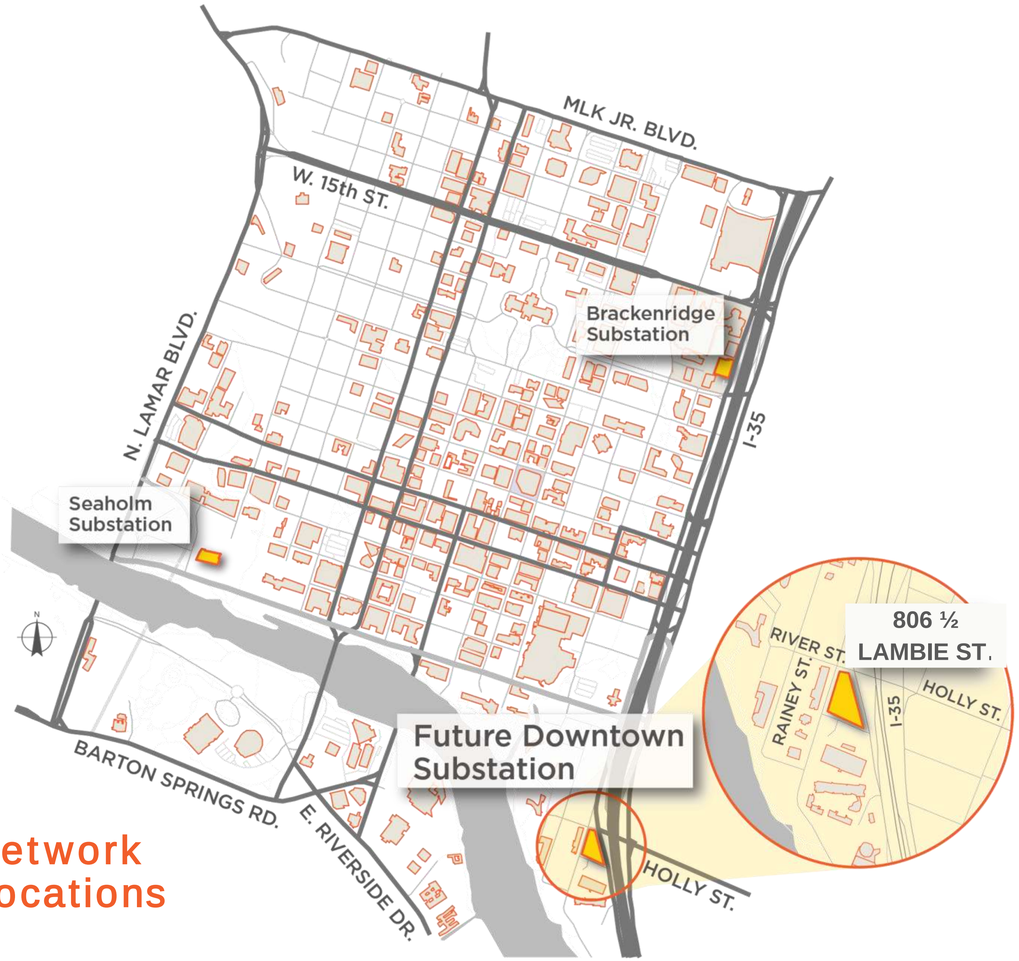
Repowering Downtown

$60M initiative to increase capacity, resiliency, and reliability to meet the needs of our growing city.

- Increase Distribution Tie Circuits
- Add 70 MVA to Seaholm Substation
- Build New Downtown Substation
- Rebuild Brackenridge Substation
- Upgrade Network Distribution Feeder Circuits
- Convert 69kV Transmission Lines to 138kV



Downtown Network Substation Locations

Downtown Substation

Austin Energy operates 77 substations across 437 square miles of service area. The downtown substation is being designed as a gas-insulated switchgear substation, which is ideal for densely-populated urban locations.

Gas-Insulated Switchgear (GIS) Compared to Air-Insulated Switchgear (AIS)	
Compact Design	Significant footprint reduction (approximately 70% smaller)
Capital Costs	Approximately 2x more
O&M	Lower maintenance costs
Aesthetics	GIS portion in a building and station surrounded by enclosure
Reliability	GIS is less susceptible to faults
Installation	Faster site assembly with pre-assembly and testing completed at manufacturer
Equipment	Standard power transformers and enclosed medium voltage utilized to reduce cost and increase maintainability

The Site

- Selected in 1999 for the future electric needs of downtown
- Austin Energy is coordinating with other involved agencies, including:
  - TxDOT
  - Watershed Protection for storm drain
- **Total Site:** 1.46 acres
- **Substation Footprint:** 0.81 acres
- **Site Updates:**
  - 3 transmission poles (currently 2) to allow clearance over heritage trees
  - Two driveways

PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN – SUBJECT TO FINAL SITE APPROVAL

KEY MILESTONES

PUBLIC MEETING #3 – September 2020

Shared results of site name, preferred design concepts, materials, and construction plans

WATER & WASTEWATER RELOCATION – Fall 2019 - Spring 2020

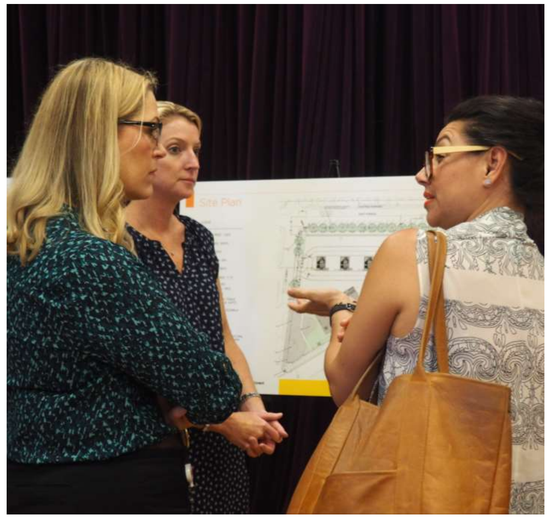
Relocation of wastewater and electric lines from to within City of Austin ROW along East Avenue

REZONING OF SITE LOCATION – June 2020

Rezoning of site location from “SF3” Family Residence District to “P” public District

FINALIZE DESIGN – Spring 2021

90-100% completion of substation engineering and design



Community Engagement Summary

Over **600 responses** on preferences from the community

PUBLIC MEETING #1: June 2018

- Purpose: Introduce project, build awareness, collect feedback on priorities
- 178 surveys received

PUBLIC MEETING #2: February 2019

- Purpose: Collect feedback on aesthetic and layout concepts
- 440 surveys received

PUBLIC MEETING #3: September 2020

- Purpose: Share preferred concepts, potential materials, site design, and process updates

WHAT WE HEARD

Priority for colorful and artistic features

Desire to preserve trees and incorporate native landscaping

Support for modern design for enclosure wall

PUBLIC MEETING #3 – September 24, 2019

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INPUT

- Shared results for preferred design and landscaping concepts, potential materials, site name, and process updates
- Comments included support for maintaining the width of East Avenue during construction of streetscape and parking spot changes
- Interest in maintaining landscaping included in the rain garden and lighting
- Appreciation for continued information and engagement opportunities.

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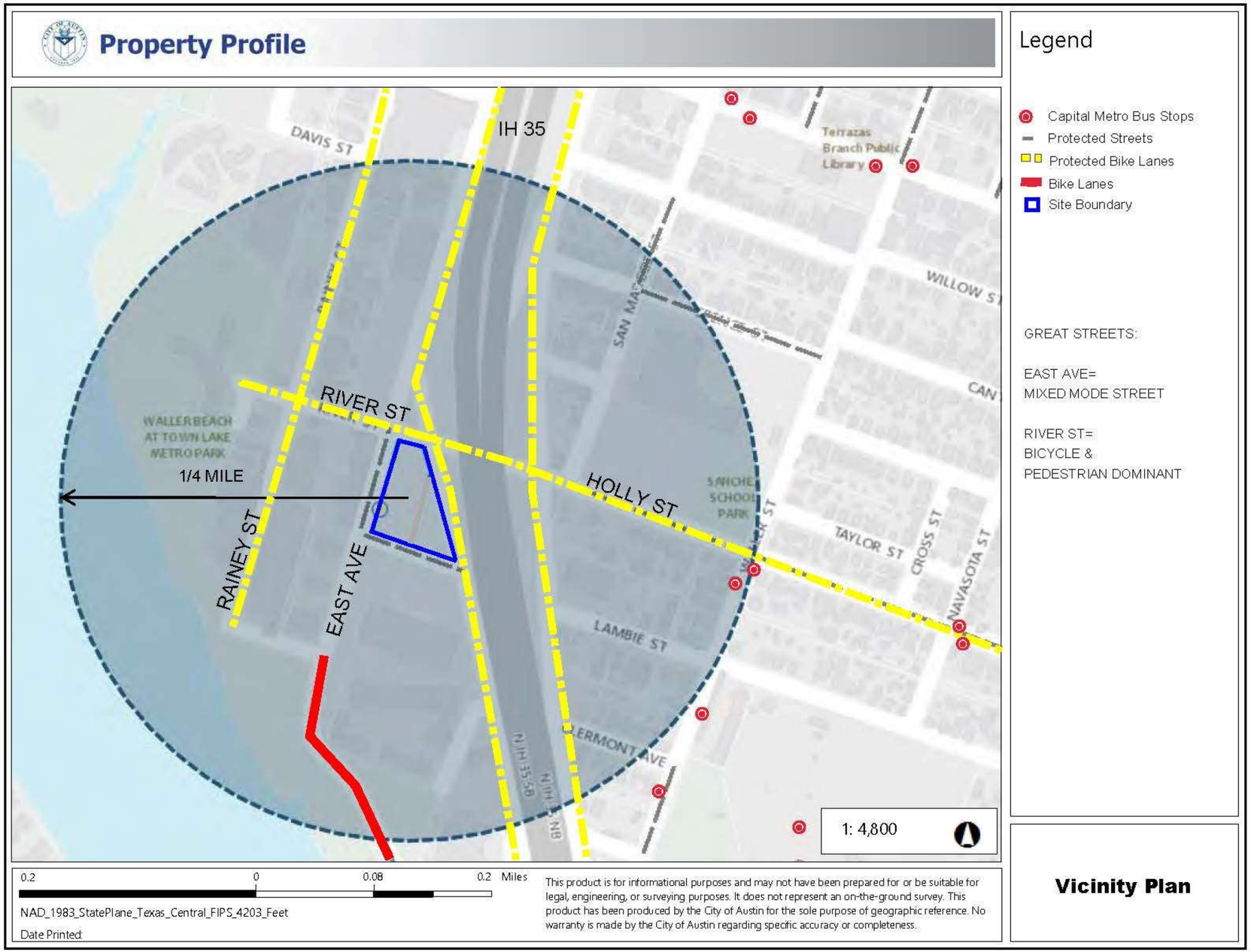
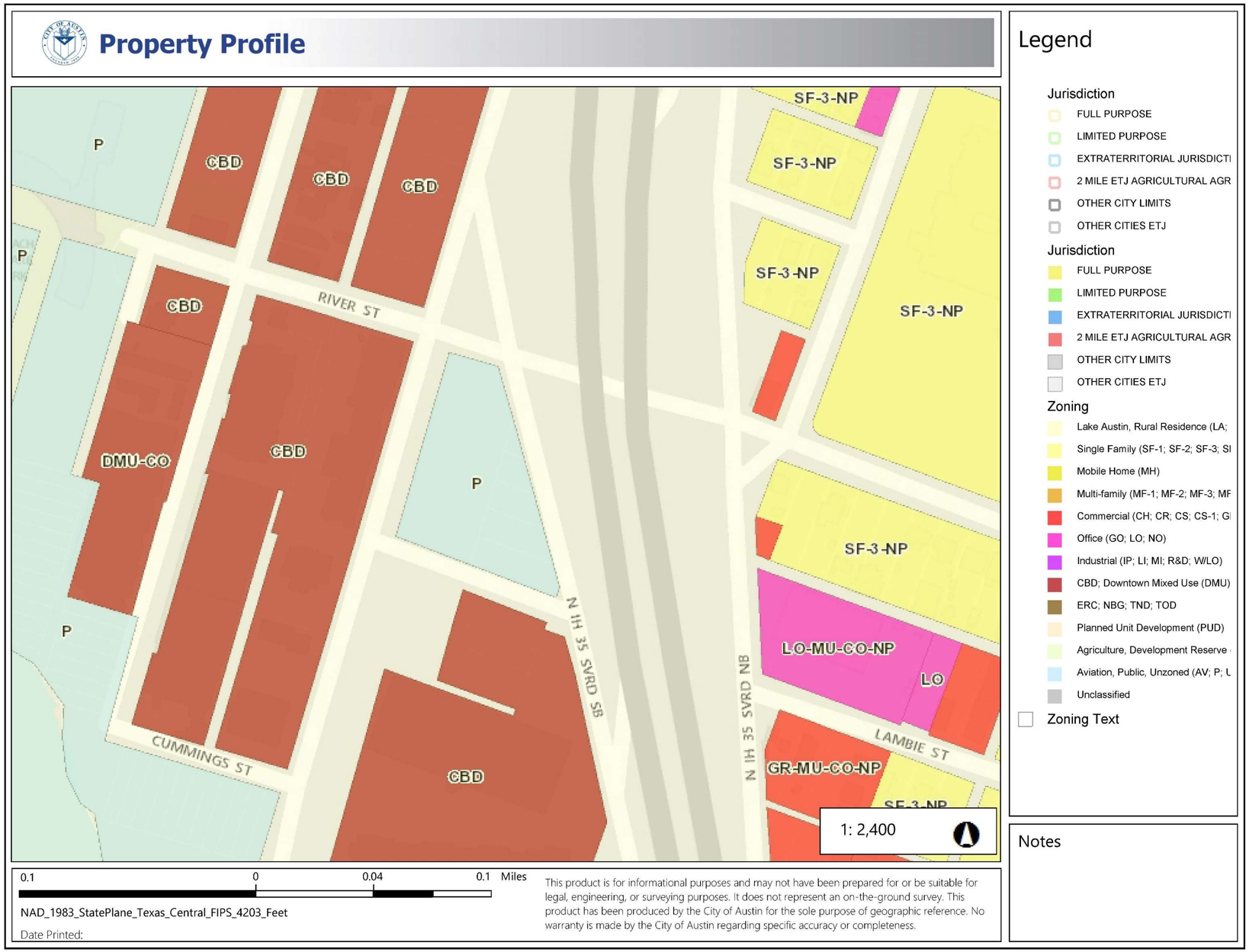
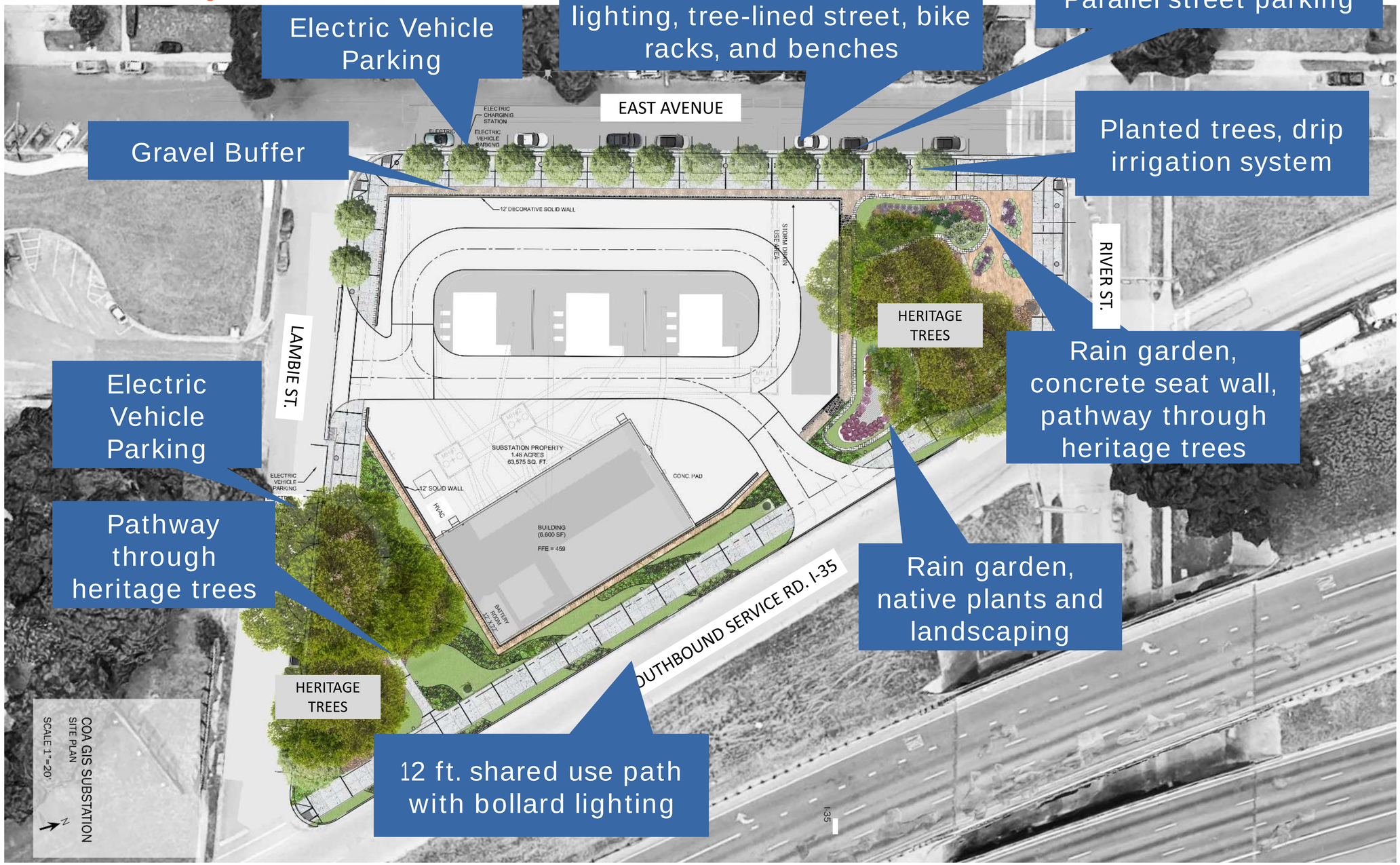
Site Profile



Property Profile and Zoning



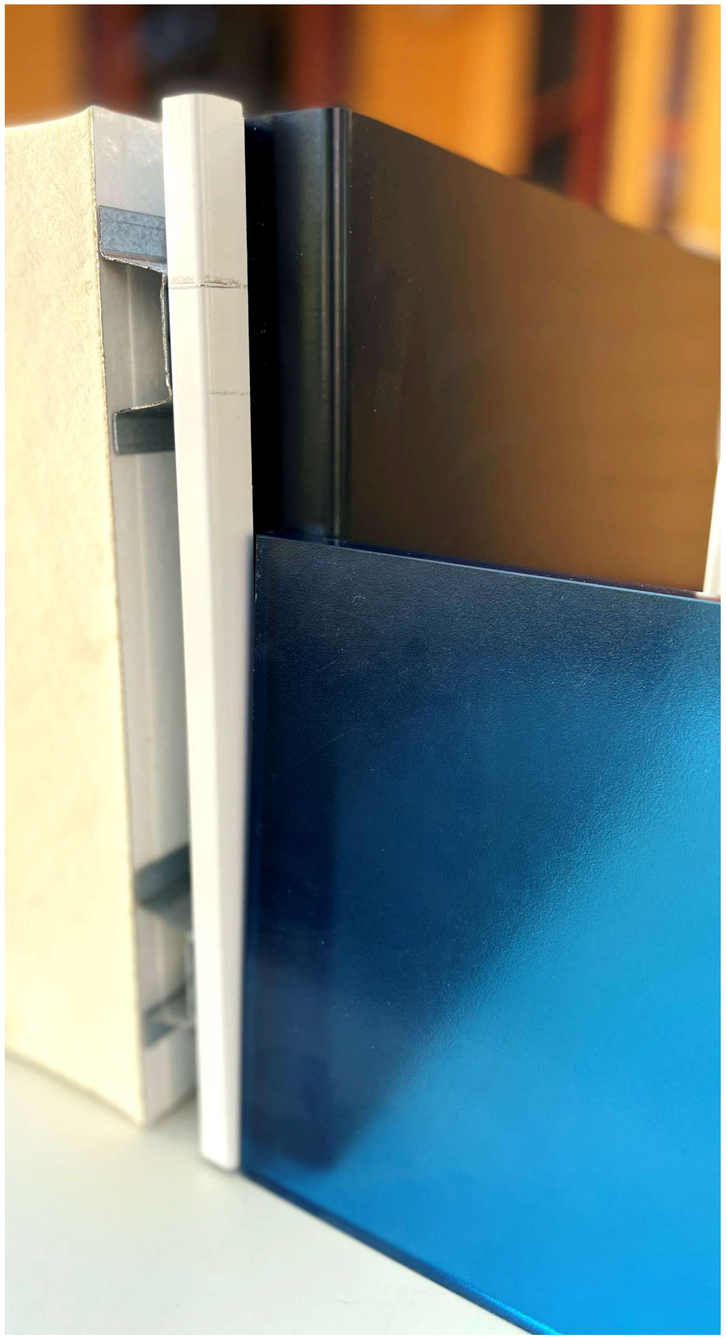
Landscape Plan



Enclosure Considerations

Parameters

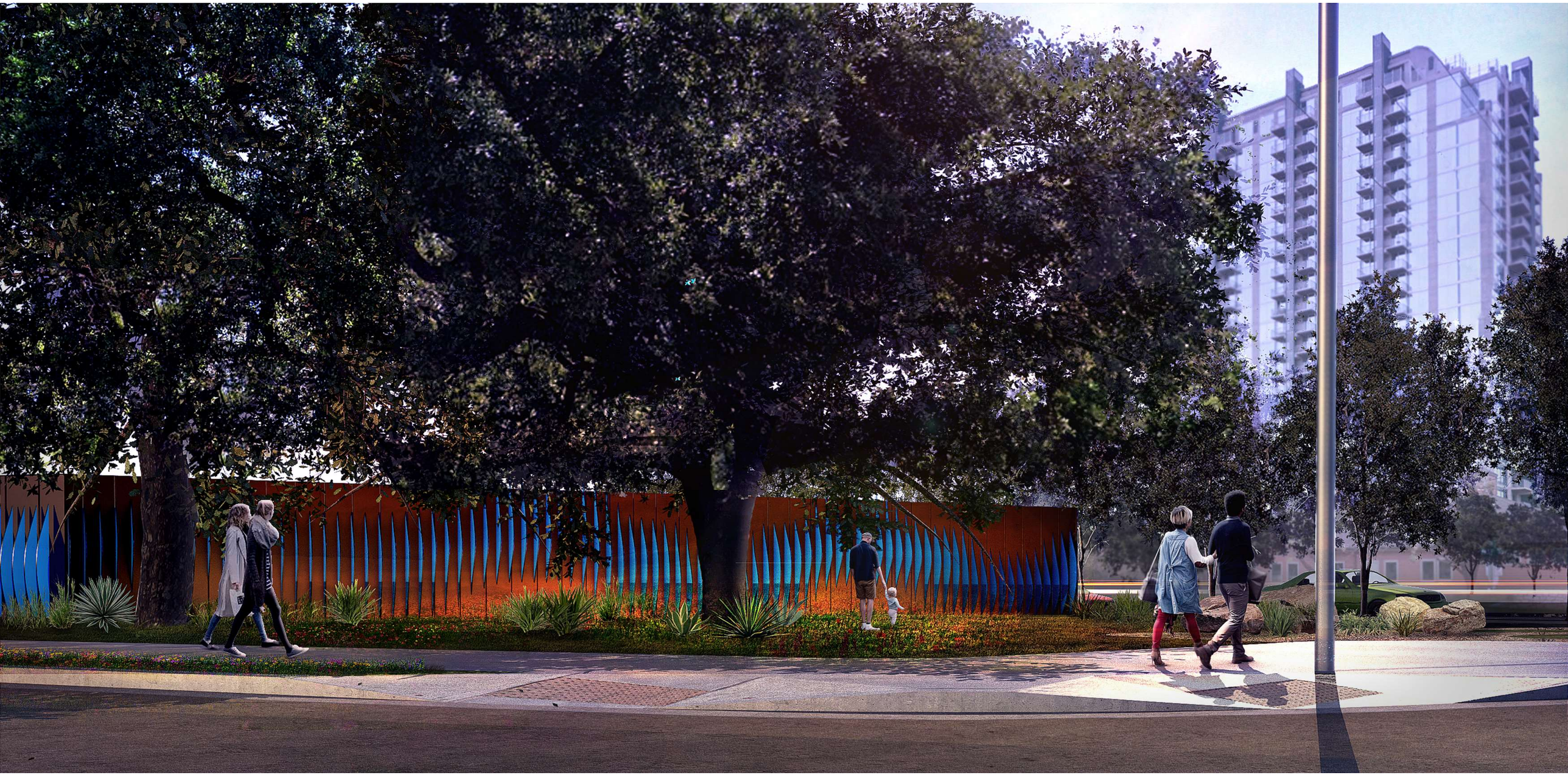
- GIS building height up to 28 feet tall
- Enclosure height up to 10 1/2 to 12 feet tall
- Enclosure will include removable panels for future maintenance and cannot be climbable
- Entrance gates will be integrated into design of the wall
- Equipment located outside of the GIS building is required to remain open and uncovered for safety, accessibility, and operational reasons



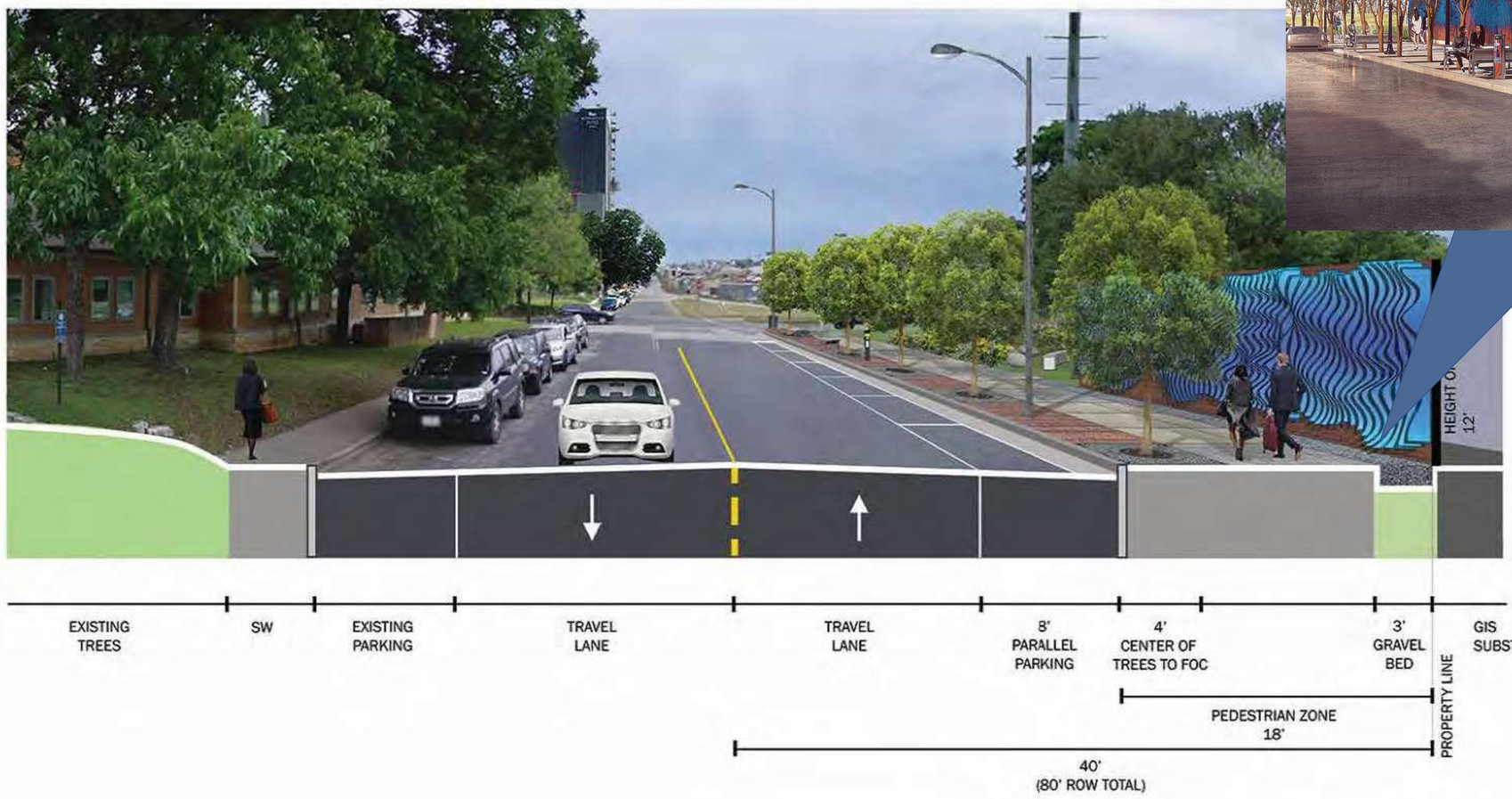
View from East Avenue and Lambie Street

Enclosure Wall- View from I-35 and Lambie Street

Enclosure Wall – View from River Street and I-35



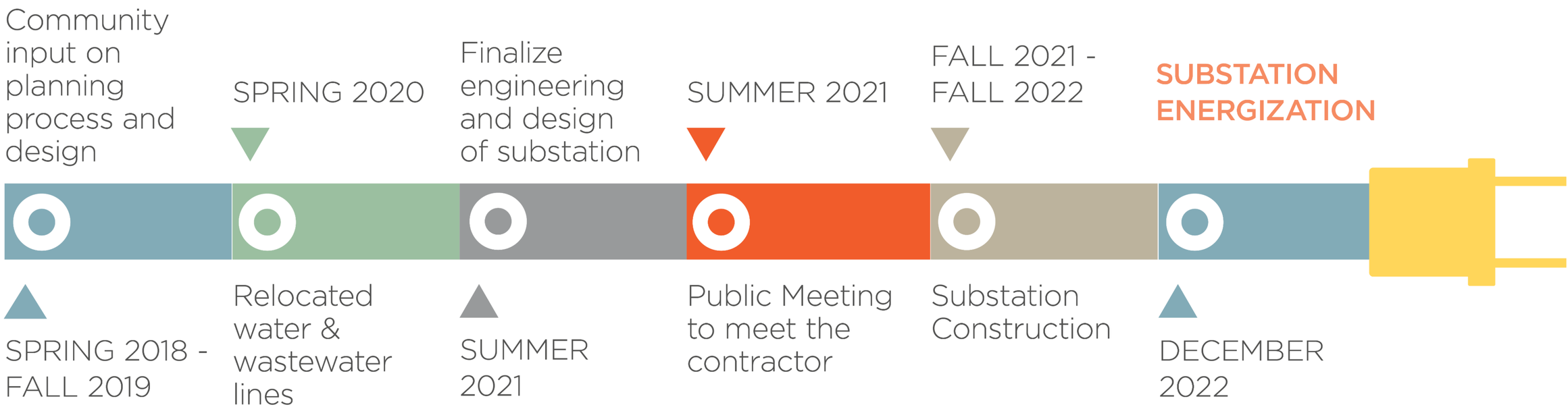
East Avenue cross section



SECTION PERSPECTIVE: EAST AVENUE LOOKING NORTH

0 2' 4' SCALE 1"=2'

Schedule



Next Steps:

- Discussion with the Design Commission
- Hire construction contractor
- Acquire City of Austin Permit
- Host Public Meeting to meet the contractor